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BAR OPERATIONS

PURPOSE:

This Operating Guide outlines the duties and responsibilities of the bartenders, bar service workers and cocktail waitstaff.

SCOPE: This guide applies to all bartenders, bar service workers, and cocktail waitstaff.

GENERAL: It is essential clubs provide quality service, and products while maintaining a clean and friendly facility. This guide is a tool for the staff to help ensure the customers have an enjoyable experience.

GUIDANCE:

- 1. All bar staff should refrain from discussing club policies and/or irregularities with the customers.
- 2. All personnel should refrain from any open arguments or complaints with patrons, coworkers or management. Complaints should be brought to the attention of the manager.
- 3. Cash register drawers should be closed between each sale. Under no circumstances should a bartender work out of an open cash register drawer.
- 4. Any changes to the duty schedule should be approved by the bar manager. Switching shifts is not authorized unless approved by the manager.
- 5. Club employees should not engage in any social activities with customers while on duty.
- 6. The standard portion for a "shot" of liquor is one ounce unless otherwise specified by the manager. Bartenders should not free pour at any time. They should use the measuring devices provided by management.
- 7. The bartender should not exceed the one ounce portion when mixing a drink, unless specified so in the recipe file.
- 8. Patrons who appear intoxicated or rapidly approaching this condition will be refused service after notifying the duty manager in accordance with AFI 34-219.

- 9. All bar and associated working areas should be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times.
- 10. The following list of items should be accomplished by bartenders during their tour of duty as required to maintain a neat and clean appearance.
 - (a) Continually maintains a clean, uncluttered area through out shift.
 - (b) Ash trays emptied and wiped clean regularly.
 - (c) Keep tables wiped clean and cleared of dirty glasses, coasters, cocktail napkins and straws.
 - (d) Glasses should be washed in the glass washer during the shift.
 - (e) Back service area kept neat and clean.
 - (f) General bar area kept clean.
 - (g) Ensures an adequate supply of glassware, supplies, tools, and equipment are on hand.
 - 11. Items to be accomplished at the end of the shift:
 - (a) All liquor bottles wiped down and returned to proper area and secured.
 - (b) Bar cleared and completely wiped with soda water.
 - (c) All ice melted from wells and wiped clean.
 - (d) Liquor holders cleaned.
 - (e) All stainless steel sinks and counters wiped clean.
 - (f) Back bar wiped clean and glasses properly stacked.
 - (g) All beer coolers secured and outside wiped clean.
 - (h) All snacks secured.
 - (i) Ash trays from bar emptied and cleaned.
 - (j) All utensils, containers and glassware in the bar area should be cleaned and returned to their proper storage area at the end of each shift.
 - (k) Trash containers should be emptied each night.
 - (l) Condiments and fruits should be covered, time and dated or disposed of as required.

- (m) Clean chairs.
- 12. Items to be accomplished on a weekly basis by bartenders:
 - (a) All liquor shelves wiped clean.
 - (b) All glasses removed and shelves wiped clean.
 - (c) Allow beer stock to run low so coolers can be cleaned.
 - (d) All liquor bottles wiped down.
 - (e) Rotate beer stock.

SUMMARY: Following these procedures will assist management and bar personnel in maintaining a clean and sanitary bar that will enable the customer to have an enjoyable experience at the club.